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In re Application of: Melinda A. Mabry et al Group Art Unit:
U.S. Serial No.: 08/969,713 Examiner: Cain, E.
Filed: November 17, 1997
For: Methods for Producing Elastomer Compositions

**Petition and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) (1 & 2) and § 1.97(e) for
Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the citations identified in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 submitted herewith be considered and made of record in this application.

No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known in connection with this patent application to any individual designed in § 1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Rather, each item of information was recently identified in the course of a general review of files of applications involving similar technology (including continuation-in-part applications and the like). Each has been reviewed and found not to teach or suggest the present invention, but is being cited through an abundance of caution and thoroughness to be of record in the present application.

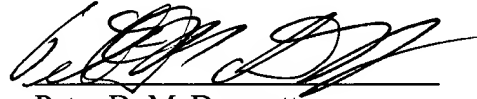
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Respectfully submitted,

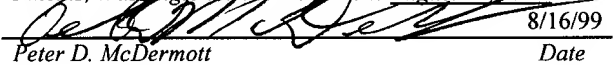


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